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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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SERIAL NO.: 10/688,036 ) PRIMARY EXAMINER  
FILED: OCTOBER 16, 2003 ) SUSAN C. ALIMENTI  
FOR: MILK FLOW METER FOR A MILKING )  
SYSTEM HAVING A SUBSTANTIALLY )  
STABLE VACUUM LEVEL AND )  
METHOD FOR USING SAME )

Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks  
P. O. BOX 1450  
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

This AMENDMENT is responsive to an Office Action dated  
August 10, 2004, which set a shortened statutory period for

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4, 2005**

Date of Signing: February 4, 2005

Signature: *[Handwritten Signature]*

Date of Mailing: February 9, 2005

response to this action to three (3) months from the date thereof requiring a response to be filed on or before November 10, 2004.

Pursuant to a Petition under 37 C.F.R. Section 1.136(a), concurrently filed herewith, together with the fee required under 37 C.F.R. Section 1.17(a)(1), the undersigned elects to extend the response date three (3) months from November 10, 2004 to February 10, 2005.

ADDITIONAL FEES

No additional fees are deemed due herein for filing of this COMMUNICATION. However, if any fees are required for any reason, please charge the same to Deposit Account No. 13-2515.